



PATENT APPLICATION

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Patent Application of:)
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Appln. No.: 09/672,769)
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For: AQUEOUS INK COMPOSITION FOR) April 6, 2001
INK JET, INK CARTRIDGE, :
RECORDING UNIT, INK JET)
RECORDING APPARATUS, AND :
INK JET RECORDING METHOD)

Director, the Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. Each of the documents was cited in the European Patent Office Communication dated January 22, 2001 (copy enclosed), and may be pertinent for the reasons noted therein.

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yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Second Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

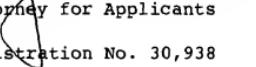
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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